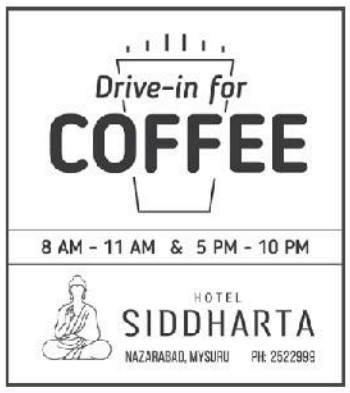

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Government declares farm lands as Waqf property

BJP stages Statewide protests

Hundreds of BJP activists staged a dharna in front of the old Milk Dairy before marching to the new Deputy Commissioner's Office on Bannur Road in Siddarthanagar, Mysuru, this morning.

Mysuru, Nov.4 (BLU&DM)- Upping the ante following allegations by farmers, educational institutions and Hindu Temples in certain parts of Karnataka that their lands were illegally marked as Waqf properties, the BJP staged Statewide protests this morning, accusing the ruling Congress Government of directing officials to take over lands that have been passed down through generations.

The Opposition party also demanded the sacking of Waqf Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan from the Cabinet. The BJP has decided to go ahead with the protests despite Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday directing officials that all notices issued to farmers be immediately revoked and any unauthorised amendments in land records without due notice must also be nullified.

In Mysuru, BJP activists staged a protest in front of Deputy Commissioner's Office on Bannur Road in Siddarthanagar as part of its Statewide agitation.

Addressing the protesters, State BJP OBC Morcha President Raghu R. Kautilya accused the Government of altering land records to classify farm land as Waqf property. He strongly condemned the State Congress Government for issuing notices to villagers across the State, claiming that their lands belong to the Waqf Board.

He demanded an immediate halt to the notices regarding alleged encroachments and called for the removal of Waqf Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan from the Cabinet. Raghu also insisted that the Government must issue a Gazette notification to withdraw the notices to farmers.

State BJP Minorities Morcha President Dr. Anil Thomas added that the Government should cease altering farmers' land records. "The BJP urges the government to withdraw the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2013. The Waqf Board has been usurping farmers' lands under the pretext of encroaching on Waqf properties," he said.

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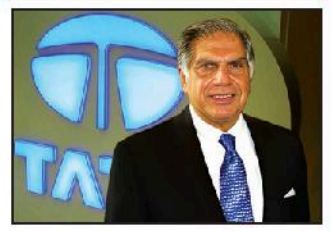
To Our Readers



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12th YEAR FOND REMEMBRANCE

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It's been twelve years since you left us, Your ideals are the guiding power in our life

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 4th November 2024

City dancers, Veena Vidushi to perform at Kuala Lumpur

Vidu. Jyothi N. Hegde** (second from left) **and Vidu. Prasannalakshmi** (third from right) **with their students.

Mysuru, Nov. 4- Renowned Bharatanatyam dancers from Mysuru — Vidushi Jyothi N. Hegde, Director of Lasyaranjana Nrutya Shale and Vidushi Prasannalakshmi, Director of Sri Nritya Nikethana — along with their students (Sanika, Bharani, Srivalli, Navya and Thushara Yadav), are touring Malaysia, especially with a performance scheduled at the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre, Kuala Lumpur, on Nov. 5 (International Cultural Fest-2024).

This cultural programme is organised by Guru M.C. Sujendra Babu, a Member of World Dance Alliance.

Also, **Veena Vidushi from Mysuru, Ashwini Nagendra,** will be presenting Veena recital at Kuala Lumpur event on Nov. 5. She will be playing Veena for the song 'Haccheyu Kannadada Deepa.' She is representing Kalpashree Performing Arts Centre Trust, Channapatna.

Vidu. Ashwini

Ashwini Nagendra was trained under Veena artiste R.K. Raghavan of Mysuru. She has given Veena concerts at various places including Hassan, Belur, Ujjire, Rane Bennur, Bengaluru, Koppal, Puttaraja Gawai Ashram in Gadag and Dasara Cultural Programme.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

DOCTORS AS SOCIAL CHANGE AGENTS: ***The recent strikes by doctors in West Bengal, India, have brought back attention to the challenges faced by healthcare professionals worldwide. From Canada to Kenya, doctors have historically been at the forefront of social change, advocating for better healthcare systems, patient rights and community well-being. As we reflect on these struggles, it's clear that doctors are not just healers but also visionary leaders, entrepreneurs and agents of transformative change. Even West Bengal's first Chief Minister, B.C. Roy, was a doctor who created some of the fundamental constructs of society in the region.***

This should not be surprising given a global legacy of clinician activism. The 1962 Saskatchewan Doctors' Strike in Canada fought for universal healthcare, the 1975 California Medical Association Strike in the United States pushed for better reimbursement rates and the 1984 British Medical Association Strike in the United Kingdom seeking improved working conditions were early examples.

As doctors continue to strive and strike for better working conditions in West Bengal, their efforts should and could ultimately spill over to better patient care and healthcare systems. We must recognise their broader role in shaping society.The strikes by doctors in West Bengal, India, thus serve as a reminder of the medical community's power to effect broader social change going beyond entrepreneurialism.

While digital technologies or AI are bringing in other forms of disruption in medicine, global communities both in the rich and poor world are struggling today with massive trust deficits in health systems, especially after a once-in-a-century pandemic. This has resulted in violence against clinicians in contexts like China and India. Paying attention to doctors as social change agents can ultimately lead us to a healthier, more equitable world.

—Chirantan Chatterjee in Deccan Herald

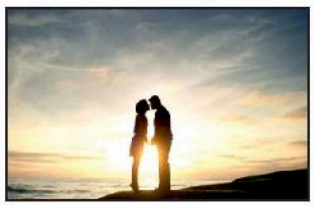
NEWS SPARKLERS

Street food looks like a lump of black hair

Chengdu: A new snack served on the streets of Chengdu in China, has been getting a lot of attention because of its unusual appearance; it looks like a lump of black human hair.

Fa Cai or Fat Choy is a type of dried cynobacterium that grows mostly in dry and barren desert areas in China and is processed by air-drying immediately after harvesting. Because of its dark, filiform shape, it is commonly known as the "hair vegetable". Fa Cay – scientific name Nostoc flagelliforme – is most often served as black vermicelli in a variety of broths and soups, and served on New Year's Eve for good luck, because its Cantonese name sounds very similar to the phrase "struck it rich". However, the dark treat recently went viral as a new street snack that makes it seem like you're eating human hair.

Woman finds out hubby-to-be is a scammer



Isle of Wight: A young English woman who thought she was marrying a "lord" found out that he was a romantic scammer who had already put her in debt.

Megan Clark - 27 was working as a manager at a bar on the Isle of Wight when Lord Bertie Underwood first walked into her life. He claimed to be a descendant of John T. Underwood, who owned the company that sold the Underwood Typewriter. He had asked for her hand in marriage and she accepted.

Everything about Lord Bertie had been made up, he was not the descendant of some iconic inventor, he had nothing to do with horology and the car and home he owned were rented. When Megan confronted her husband-to-be just before their wedding, he just walked away, leaving her with no other option than to cancel the wedding. Megan posted her story on social media and was quickly contacted by many other people who had been scammed by him.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Wearing seat belts, following speed limits, and avoiding distractions can prevent accidents and save lives. Emergency Specialist.

By Dr. Syed Mushiruddin - Emergency Specialist
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

8th edition of Barefoot Marathon on Dec. 8

Kodagu, Nov. 4 (VNS)- The 8th edition of Barefoot Marathon will be held on Dec. 8 (Sunday).

The event, which is a fund-raiser for The Coorg Wellness Foundation, set up for the wellness of people, wildlife and ecology of Kodagu, will be flagged from Tata Coffee Sports Grounds at Pollibetta, at 6 am.

Bib distribution will be done Dec. 7 between 11 am to 1 pm. To volunteer, contact Varun on **Mob: 96868-55539** and for accommodation, call Ricky Monappa on **Mob: 96323-38111.**

For registration, interested may log on to ***https://youtoocanrun.com/races/the-barefoot-marathon-8th-december-2024/***

The Marathon will be held in five categories — Full Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K Run, 5K Run and 1.5K Run.

The registration fee for all categories is Rs. 1,000 which includes brunch and T-shirt.

WATER LEVEL

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Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
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Last year's level **99.42 feet**	Last year's level **2,273.01 feet**	Last year's level **2,848.36 feet**
Yesterday's level **124.80 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,282.98 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,854.83 feet**
Today's Inflow **5,891 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **121 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **214 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **5,681 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,200 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***During the 1600s in Holland, tulips were so valuable that their bulbs were worth more than gold. The craze was called tulip mania, or tulipomania, and caused the crash of the Dutch economy. After cutting tulips, they can continue to grow as much as an inch per day.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

When Raju switched on the computer, the monitor showed press anykey. He searched in the keyboard for an hour and telephoned to the computer company and asked, where is "Anykey!"

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NEWS BRIEFS

Digital Life Certificate Camp

The Railway Pensioners Welfare Association, Mysuru, has arranged a Digital Life Certificate (DLC) Camp (free of cost) at its office on Seshadri Iyer Road in city on Nov. 9 between 9.30 am and 11.30 am. Pensioners should bring Pension Payment Order (PPO), Aadhaar and mobile phone and avail this facility, according to a press release from Association Gen. Secretary G.S. Swaminathan.

Lecture on 'Ancestry of Karnataka Coins'

The Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage has organised a lecture on the topic 'Ancestry of Karnataka Coins' at the Department office located in Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) premises in Dasara Exhibition Grounds at 11 am on Nov. 30. Gautam R. Jantakal, a Research Scholar of Shivamogga's Kuvempu University, will deliver the lecture. [Ph: 0821-2424671/3]

Calling ST beneficiaries

The Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki ST Development Corporation has invited online applications from eligible ST community beneficiaries of Mysuru district for availing benefits under various schemes such as Self-Employment Scheme, Entrepreneurship Development Scheme, Micro Credit Plan (Prerana Scheme for Women Self-Help Groups), Ganga Kalyana Scheme etc. The applicants must not be aged over 50 years for Entrepreneurship Development Scheme and not above 60 years for the rest of the Schemes. Annual income of applicants in rural areas must not exceed Rs. 1.50 lakh and those in urban areas - Rs. 2 lakh. Interested beneficiaries can apply along with supporting documents — ***https://suvidha.karnataka.gov.in*** — before Nov. 23. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2430022.

Obituary

R.N. Prasanna Parvathi

Mysuru, Nov. 4- R.N. Prasanna Parvathi (Mani), wife of late M.S. Doreswamy and a resident of Chamundipuram here, passed away yesterday in city. She was 88.

She leaves behind two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this noon.

Woman, paramours held for man's murder in N'gud

Police uncover a 'black magic' plot

Sadashiva *Rajeshwari* *Shivaiah* *Rangaswamy*

Malkundi (Nanjangud), Nov. 4 (KS)- Mysuru District Police have cracked the murder case of a man by arresting his wife and her two paramours. Following the murder, the accused placed betel leaves, turmeric, kumkum and offerings next to the body to create the illusion of black magic.

The victim, identified as Sadashiva (48) from Malkundi village in Nanjangud, was allegedly murdered by his 35-year-old wife, Rajeshwari, along with her sister's son, 33-year-old Shivaiah and her brother's son, 38-year-old Rangaswamy. All three have been remanded to Judicial Custody.

Details of the incident

On Oct. 18, around 6.30 am, Sadashiva was discovered near the Madhuvanahalli Government School with his throat slit and fighting for his life. The scene featured betel leaves, turmeric, kumkum and an offering of Rs. 101 placed beside him, designed to suggest black magic.

Villagers rushed Sadashiva to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru, where he later succumbed to his injuries. A case was subsequently registered at Hullahalli Police Station. Initially, the shocked villagers believed that black magicians were responsible for the murder, occurring on a full moon night.

Superintendent of Police (SP) N. Vishnuvardhana formed a special Police team, consisting of Additional SP-2 Nagesh, Nanjangud Dy.SP Raghu, Inspector Manoj Kumar, Sub-Inspectors Rasool Pagavale and Chethan Kumar, ASI Satish and staff members Abdul Latif, Ashok, Bhaskar, Shivakumar, Doddaiah, Mahesh and Asha, to investigate.

During their investigation, the team discovered that Sadashiva was a drunkard who often harassed Rajeshwari, leading to frequent fights between the couple. It also emerged that Rajeshwari was involved in illicit relationships with both Shivaiah and Rangaswamy. The Police found an old knife at the crime scene, which Rajeshwari later admitted was from her home.

Murder plot uncovered

In light of her tumultuous relationship with Sadashiva and her affection for her lovers, Rajeshwari allegedly devised a plan to kill her husband. After discussions with Shivaiah and Rangaswamy, they identified a location for the murder.

According to the Police, on Oct. 17, during the full moon, they made Sadashiva consume liquor at their home before transporting the heavily intoxicated man in Shivaiah's auto near the Government School around 2 am.

Police said that while Shivaiah and Rangaswamy restrained Sadashiva, Rajeshwari used the knife she had brought from home to slit his throat. Even as Sadashiva struggled for life, the trio placed betel leaves, turmeric, kumkum and the monetary offering beside him to fabricate a narrative of black magic before returning to their homes.

On the morning of Oct. 18, when villagers found Sadashiva still alive but gravely injured, they rushed him to K.R. Hospital but he passed away. In a bid to divert suspicion, all three accused participated in Sadashiva's last rites. However, their actions raised the Police team's suspicions during the investigation.

On Nov. 2, the Police arrested Rajeshwari, Shivaiah and Rangaswamy and produced them in Court, where they were remanded to Judicial Custody.

The SP has announced a cash prize for the special team.

Kodagu Police land in soup as murder accused flees custody

Accused was previously arrested after a 128-kilometre chase from Delhi; he makes an escape in Telangana

Ankur Rana

Madikeri, Nov. 4 (PS&KS)- Kodagu Police are facing a serious trouble following the escape of Ankur Rana, one of the key suspects in a murder case, from their custody in Telangana.

This incident comes on the heels of the Police's successful investigation into the murder of Ramesh Kumar, whose charred body was discovered in the Marigudi area of Panya estate near Suntikoppa recently.

The investigation initially led to the arrest of Ramesh Kumar's second wife, Niharika, along with Dr. Nikhil Myreddy and Ankur Rana from Haryana. The Police seized a Mercedes Benz, mobile phones, and other items believed to be connected to the crime.

However, the situation took a turn when Ankur escaped from Police custody in Telangana, raising concerns about the handling of the suspects.

Two days prior to his escape, the Kodagu Police had completed questioning Dr. Nikhil and produced him before the Court, where he was placed in Judicial Custody.

On Oct. 30, a team of 13 officers transported Niharika and Ankur to conduct a spot mahazar at Horamavu in Bengaluru. The following day, the team took both suspects to the murder site near the Uppal-Bhuvanagiri National Highway in Telangana, where they carried out the legal procedures. After completing their work, the officers checked into a hotel near Uppal, approximately 30 kilometres from Hyderabad, where they were supposed to keep the suspects overnight. However, in the early hours of Nov. 1, Ankur Rana managed to escape from the hotel, prompting a manhunt by the Police.

The Kodagu Police had taken the suspects into custody for further investigation and were expected to return them to Judicial Custody on Nov. 4.

Following Ankur's escape, there are concerns that the Suntikoppa Police and the Investigating Officer may face disciplinary action or suspension.

Notably, Ankur had previously been arrested after a 128-kilometre chase from Delhi, with the Police action captured in a video that went viral, earning widespread praise from the public.

The escape has now overshadowed this success, raising questions about Police protocols and oversight in handling high-profile suspects.

Retired CFTRI Scientist no more

Soma Kurien

Mysuru, Nov. 4- Soma Kurien (89), retired CFTRI Scientist and a resident of No. 12, 1st Main, Gangothri Layout 1st Stage, Saraswathipuram, passed away on Nov. 2 in city.

She leaves behind her husband Varghese Kurien, daughter Susan Kurien and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral was held at Benson Cemetery on Nanjangud Road here yesterday.

Woman lodges 'attempt to murder' complaint against husband

Mysuru, Nov. 4 (BLU&KS)- A woman, alleging that her husband tried to kill her by ramming into the two-wheeler she was riding with his two-wheeler, has lodged an 'attempt to murder' complaint with the Police.

The woman, who has lodged the complaint, is Mamatha and the accused husband is Mahadevappa alias Prasad Purohit, both residents of Kuvempunagar.

In her complaint, Mamatha has stated that she was given in marriage to Mahadevappa 23 years ago and they have two children. She has further stated that since the last seven years, frequent quarrels had taken place between them requiring Police intervention.

On Nov. 31, when she was riding her two-wheeler on Adichunchanagiri Road, her husband, who also came on his two-wheeler from the opposite direction, rammed into the scooter she was riding in an attempt to kill her, Mamatha has stated in her complaint.

Based on the complaint from Mamatha, Kuvempunagar Police, who have registered a case, are collecting CCTV footages from cameras installed in the accident spot and are investigating.

VOICE OF THE READER

Rampant wrong side driving in front of Police Stations

Sir,

Recently, there has been a troubling increase in motorists flouting basic lane discipline, often driving on the wrong side of the road. This not only obstructs the free flow of traffic but also poses a significant risk of accidents.

Such violations are particularly evident right in front of the V.V. Puram Police Stations (Law & Order and Traffic), raising grave concerns among law-abiding motorists who are forced to navigate around these reckless and impatient drivers.

While the Police have been diligent in enforcing helmet laws for two-wheelers, there seems to be a lack of attention to other critical traffic rule violations. This selective enforcement undermines the safety of all road users, including pedestrians.

It is essential for law enforcement to adopt a more comprehensive approach to traffic safety, addressing all violations consistently. This will help create a safer environment for everyone on the road.

—K. Chandrahas

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'Enhance women's involvement in workforce to become largest economy in the world'

Sriram Ranganathan, Global Tax Head, Wipro Ltd, Bengaluru, lighting the lamp to inaugurate 12th International Conference on Emerging Trends in Corporate Finance and Financial Markets at SDM-IMD in city recently as others look on.

Mysuru, Nov. 4- 'If India wants to become the largest or second largest economy in the world it needs to increase its women workforce,' said Sriram Ranganathan, Global Tax Head, Wipro Ltd, Bengaluru.

He was delivering the keynote address after inaugurating the 12th International Conference on Emerging Trends in Corporate Finance and Financial Markets organised by Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD) in association with Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce at SDM-IMD auditorium here recently.

Ranganathan pointed out that while women's participation in the workforce has gradually increased in metropolitan areas, the overall national figures remain low. He urged that addressing this gap is essential for achieving India's economic aspirations.

"For a country of our size, the current participation rates are inadequate. We need to take significant steps to enhance women's involvement in the workforce if we are serious about becoming the largest or second-largest economy in the world," he stated.

He also spoke on evolution of India's capital markets, highlighting the importance of domestic financial institutions in providing stability against the volatility of Foreign Portfolio Investments (FPIs).

Ranganathan noted that the resilience of Indian markets in the face of global uncertainties is a positive sign for future growth. He concluded with insights on the role of Artificial Intelligence in shaping the future of finance.

Dr. M. Sriram, Associate Professor of Finance and Conference Chair, welcomed and introduced the conference theme. He outlined favourable factors for the growth of Indian financial markets amidst global challenges.

Dr. Mousumi Sengupta, Professor and Dean of International Relations, emphasised the significance of digitisation in financial transactions and its impact on achieving financial inclusion.

The conference had presentations from participants across the country. Dr. S. Kannadas, Associate Professor of Finance at SDM-IMD, proposed the vote of thanks.

Obamas coming to Mandya during May-June next year?

Barack Obama and Michelle Obama to lay foundation stone for International Yoga and Meditation Centre at Hallagere village

Dr. Vivek Murthy

Former First Lady of the US Michelle Obama and former US President Barack Obama.

Mandya, Nov. 4 (VNS) - Former President of the United States (US) Barack Obama and former First Lady of the US Michelle Obama are expected to visit Mandya during May-June next year for the inauguration of 'Mother Earth' monument being constructed at a cost of around Rs. 100 crore by SCOPE Foundation headed by Dr. Lakshminarasimha Murthy, an NRI and father of present US Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Hallagere Murthy, at his native Hallagere village.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Mandya MLA G. Ravikumar (Ganiga) said that officials from American Embassy had visited Hallagere to review the ongoing works and inspect the place.

"They have given us a few suggestions based on which the infrastructure works such as construction of road, electricity, drains and providing drinking water are being carried out. We are also constructing three helipads for the VVIPs visit. While Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) is spending Rs. 20 crore, the Public Works Department will spend Rs. 20 crore for the infrastructure," he said.

However, the official date for Obamas visit is yet to be announced, said MLA Ravikumar adding that they are expected to visit Hallagere during May-June next year.

During their visit, the Obamas will be laying the foundation stone for an International Yoga and Meditation Centre at the 'Mother Earth Centre for Science of Spirituality.' Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama is also expected to take part in the event.

Dr. Lakshminarasimha Murthy is constructing 'Mother Earth Monument' on a 13-acre inherited land. It will have a 11ft-tall statue of Mother Earth along with statues of various philosophers.

Purpose of the monument

Named as 'Mother Earth Centre for Science of Spirituality' *(Bhoodevi Aadyathmika Kendra)*, it is being constructed to provide a visual opportunity for people to express gratitude to Mother Earth. The activities in the Centre will be non-ritualistic spiritual practices that create a sense of unity and belongingness to Mother Earth.

Each of the four walls will have eight relief carvings outside and eight inside. The carvings will be of humanitarians from around the world who sacrificed their lives for the benefit of humanity without any barriers.

It may be mentioned, Dr. Lakshminarasimha Murthy, accompanied by Mandya District Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy and legislators of Mandya district, had met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in December 2023 seeking logistical support from the State Government to facilitate the VVIPs visit and inaugural ceremony. The CM had also extended his support stating that the State Government would provide all necessary infrastructure at the venue.

Dr. Vivek Murthy

Dr. Vivek Hallagere Murthy, a graduate of Harvard University, the Yale School of Management, was confirmed by the US Senate in March 2021 to serve as the 21st Surgeon General of the United States.

Dr. Murthy had previously served as the 19th Surgeon General under President Obama.

Seminar for Rotaractors held

Mysuru, Nov. 4- Rotaract ZOOTS, the Zonal Training Seminar for Rotaractors, was hosted by Rotary District 3181 on Oct.27 at Mahajana First Grade College in Mysuru.

Rotaract Clubs bring together people aged 18 and older to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service. In communities worldwide, Rotary and Rotaract members work side by side to take action through service.

The event, organised by Rotaract Mysore East and Rotaract Club of Mahajana led by Zonal Rotaract Representative IPP Rtr. Rtn. R. Prajwal, Chamundi Zone, was inaugurated by Rotary Mysore East President Rtn. Rohit Subbayya.

District Rotaract Representative Rtr. Rtn. R. Sanjay was the chief guest. Rtr. Rtn. Prajwal and District Secretary Rtr. Rtn. Ravishankar were the guests of honour.

Impactful Training Programmes were held throughout the day on various topics like 'Future of Volunteerism' by Rtn. Rakesh Babu, 'Club Culture' by Rtn. Shakuntala Elizabeth while SEARIC MDIO President PDRR Rtr. M.S. Abhijith trained Club Presidents & Secretaries, IPP Rtr. Rtn. Prajwal trained on 'Avenue Services' and Rtr. Gowtham on 'Branding & Social Media.' Over 130 Rotaractors from about 10 Rotaract Clubs in Mysuru City. Rtr. Shree Raksha and Rtr. Mohit Purohit, President of host Rotaract Clubs were present.

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

A Jewel among the World Industrialists

My last salute to Ratan Naval Tata

I think that if India had not taken the socialist path but pursued a real free-market policy, without the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices (MRTP) Act, the Tatas would have been far, far higher than they ended up becoming," said Ratan Tata in an article he wrote about Jamshedji Tata, the Founder of Tata Industries and JRD Tata, his predecessor.

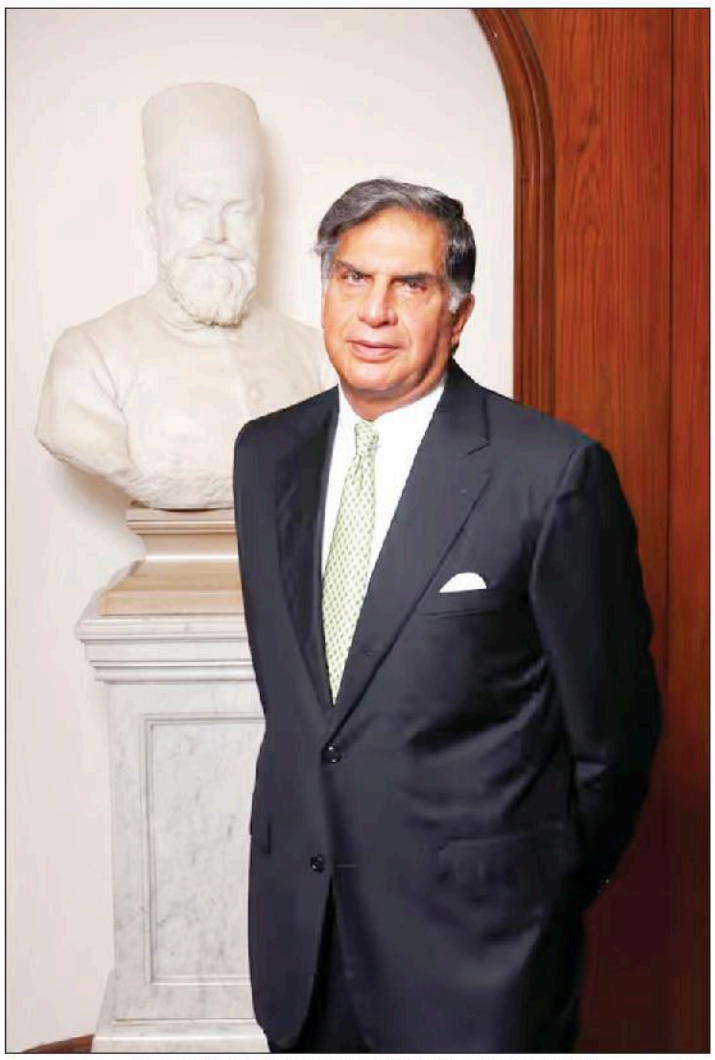
How true.

The industrial development in the country became so staggered and bleak that C. Rajagopalachari, the last Governor General of India and a *Bharat Ratna,* founded Swatantra Party in 1959 to oppose Nehru's socialist policies that had unleashed a government of "Licence and Permit Raj," as he had called the Congress government. Those days there was a general belief that nothing would grow under a giant Banyan tree. And Nehru was a political Banyan tree. Naturally, Swatantra Party failed and soon exited.

Be that as it may, as we know, among the big industrial houses of those days, before Ambanis and Adanis appeared, much less were even heard of, there were only two names in the industrial map of India — Birla and Tata. Both are still the shining stars along with the new entrants — Ambani and Adani.

The one who was heading this Tata business and industrial house till 2017, Ratan Naval Tata, passed away on Oct. 9, 2024 at Mumbai. He was 86. Of course, Ratan Tata was the head of the flagship Tata Trust. Now it has been handed over to another Tata, his half-brother Noel Tata.

I do not know why, but whenever I read about Ratan Tata, his wisdom, compassion for mankind and animal world



Ratan Naval Tata [28.12.1937 - 9.10.2024]

(his attachment to his pet dog by name 'Goa' is well-known and fabled) and his intuition in taking decisions, I think of the *Navaratnas* who embellished the Courts of Ashoka the Great and Akbar the Great. It is believed that these two legendary Emperors always turned to these wise Courtiers for advice on matters of administration, delivery of justice, war and peace. Ratan Tata, with an eponymous name as Ratan meaning a jewel, would have been a brightest jewel if there were *Navaratnas* in the Prime Minister's core group of advisors. Let it be.

What Ratan Tata has achieved during his 21 years of Tata's leadership is well-known. In personal life, he reflected his true nature of being transparent in words and works. He remained a bachelor all his life. Matches are made in Heaven, it is said. But in the case of Ratan Tata even Heaven seemed to have failed in finding him a suitable match!

Tata has always been an Indian industrial giant. In fact, in Mumbai (earlier Bombay), it used to be a part of general conversations among we friends that there was no Bombayite whose life Tata has not touched in his daily life. Tata Steel and Cement for house, Tata electricity for light, Tata gas (in Bombay it used to be piped like water), Tata water (distribution), Tata tea, Tata tooth-paste, soap, shampoo, hair oil, powder, perfume, Tata clothes (textile), leather bags and shoes, Tata City Bus Service (Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport — BEST), Taj Hotel, no end. Over the years, this scenario might have changed but the image of Tata as a dominant industrial and business player who touched everybody's life remains.

This said, we must remember it is Ratan Tata who had the ability to think globally and act locally as also to turn this **India-centric** Tata business and industry into a global enterprise. He acquired Tetley for Tata Tea, he acquired Jaguar and Land Rover for Tata Motors and he acquired Corus for Tata Steel. Indeed a giant leap into global arena from a small step rooted in India. Tata becomes a global player. Now the Modi Government itself is thinking on these lines to become a world leader, not merely as a *Vishwaguru* teaching Yoga but also in industrial manufacturing.

Who would remember a poor man riding a scooter when one is driving a car? Ratan Tata would. He decided to manufacture a four-wheeler Nano car at an affordable price of Rs. 1 lakh at a time it was a mere dream for the *scooterwala*. Soon, other car-makers jumped into the field to meet the competition and Nano faded away. That is another matter.

As I write this, I recall the Air Deccan (now defunct) and its Founder Capt. G.R. Gopinath, who remembered the middle-class people, who also dreamed to fly but could not afford the cost. Capt. Gopinath introduced Air Deccan that enabled even a humble farmer to fly. That this too faded away is another sad story of Indian aviation. Capt. Gopinath could not leave behind a legacy and missed being remembered as a pioneer in Air Transport.

Whatever it be, Ratan Tata has left a rich legacy and will be remembered as a pioneer who made India a global industrial player.

Like some of his kind with power and position, he could have remained as a life-long CEO and Chairman of Tata Group and Tata Sons. But he was above such temptations. On reaching 75 years of age, he gracefully resigned as CEO of Tata Group.

There was a leadership crisis in Tata Sons and a Court case that led to his continuing as interim Chairman. However, even that he gave up in 2017, like a Vedic Rishi, eventually naming Natarajan Chandrasekaran as Chairman of Tata Sons. Call this as an act of renunciation? Certainly he would be the most admired *Shishya* of Lord Sri Krishna after Arjuna! A Karma Yogi.

His journey of life seems worth recording in detail for the benefit of our youths so that they can learn many lessons to make their own journey in life and become achievers.

Before I forget, I must record here that among his many investments in **start-ups** was one he had launched as a Companionship Start-up for senior citizens. Its name — **Goodfellows.** It was primarily designed to encourage **inter-generation friendship.** I do not know what it means. But it sounds well. Time for me to seek admission to **Goodfellows** Club or Home, whatever it is.

How many of us today know that Tatas under JRD Tata espoused the cause of family planning and it was showing result? That was playing the role of a Statesman for the good of the country. But alas, our politicians had a different plan for Vote Bank. Nobody talks about family planning today and that is good for our doom!

Ratan Naval Tata, RIP.

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Mysuru Sangeetha Sugandha Festival 2024 from Nov. 8

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to inaugurate fest at KSOU Convocation Hall

India Tourism (South) Regional Director D. Venkatesan (2nd from right) addressing a press conference at Mayura Hoysala Hotel on JLB Road in Mysuru this morning. Others seen are (from left) Kannada & Culture Department Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Tourism Department Joint Director M.K. Savitha and Kannada & Culture Department Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan.

Mysuru, Nov. 4 (MTY&BCT)- The Mysuru Sangeetha Sugandha Festival 2024, dedicated to celebrating Karnataka's rich musical and cultural heritage, will take place from Nov. 8 to 10 at the Karnataka State Open University Convocation Hall in city.

Nirmala Sitharaman

The festival aims to showcase the vibrant traditions of the State, particularly its deep-rooted connection to Karnatak music.

At a press conference held this morning at Mayura Hoysala Hotel on JLB Road here, D. Venkatesan, Regional Director of India Tourism (South), highlighted that the festival is organised by the Ministry of Tourism in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and the Sangeet Natak Akademi. The event aims to position Mysuru as a premier destination for music lovers from India and around the world.

"This festival will shine a light on Mysuru as a centre of the timeless traditions of Karnatak music," Venkatesan stated. This marks the second edition of the festival, following the inaugural event held last year in Vijayawada. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is set to inaugurate the festival on Nov. 8, alongside Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and other dignitaries.

Focus on Dasa tradition

The Ministry of Tourism emphasised that this celebration presents an excellent opportunity to promote lesser-known destinations around Mysuru, revealing the region's scenic landscapes, historical temples and hidden cultural treasures for travellers seeking unique experiences. By showcasing these gems, the Ministry hopes to stimulate regional tourism growth and support local communities.

A special highlight of the festival will be a tribute to the Dasa Tradition, a significant influence in the evolution of Karnatak music. The contributions of the Dasas have profoundly shaped this classical art form, making Mysuru a fitting venue to honour these timeless musical legacies.

To generate excitement and foster community engagement across Karnataka, the Ministry has organised a series of pre-festival events featuring Karnatak musicians.

These events were held on Nov. 2 at four culturally significant locations: the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) in Bengaluru, Ramamandiram in Rudrapatna and Sri Aprameyaswamy Temple in Doddamallur.

Festival background

Mysuru has historically served as a vital hub for Karnatak music, nurturing renowned musicians and significantly contributing to the cultural landscape of South India.

The festival seeks to honour this legacy while highlighting the region's ongoing contributions to India's cultural richness. It will blend traditional Karnatak performances with modern interpretations and feature discussions by museologists, showcasing both established and emerging talent to introduce new audiences to this celebrated genre.

Joint Director of Tourism Department M.K. Savitha, Assistant Director Prabhuswamy, Assistant Director of School Education Department A.B. Nagendra Prasad, Kannada and Culture Department Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, University of Mysore NSS Officer Dr. Ningaraju and Assistant Director of Department of Information and Public Relations T.K. Harish were present at the press conference.

Key features include food, music workshops, handicrafts and art

The festival will present live performances by distinguished Karnatak musicians alongside emerging talent, creating a rich and varied musical lineup over three days.

In addition, the event will feature exhibitions showcasing Karnataka's traditional handicrafts and textiles, such as Mysore Silk and sandalwood carvings, organised in collaboration with the Development Commissioner for Handicrafts and Handlooms. The Institute of Hotel Management, Bengaluru, will provide an authentic culinary experience featuring Karnataka cuisine.

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in workshops led by artists, focusing on Karnatak music, music composition and regional crafts, fostering active engagement and education.

District Rajyotsava Award for Dr. Raghunath

Dr. Raghunath H. Alad receiving Mysuru District Kannada Rajyotsava Award from District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa during the 69th Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations held at Oval Grounds in city on Friday as MLA Tanveer Sait, MLC C.N. Manjegowda and Karnataka Exhibition Authority Chairman Ayub Khan look on.

Mysuru, Nov. 4 (VNS)- Dr. Raghunath H. Alad, Chief Consultant Intensivist and Head, Department of Critical Care at Gopal Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital in Mysuru, was among the 69 achievers who received Mysuru District Kannada Rajyotsava Award during the 69th Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations held at Oval Grounds in city on Nov. 1.

Dr. Raghunath received the award from District In-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa.

Profile: A resident of K.C. Layout in city, Dr. Raghunath is a native of Ranebennur in Haveri district. Having graduated from JJM Medical College, Davanagere, in 2001, he completed his Post Graduation in Anaesthesiology from Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMC&RI) in 2005 and completed Indian Diploma in Critical Care Medicine (IDCCM) by ISCCM during March 2008.

Dr. Raghunath completed European Diploma in Intensive Care Medicine (EDIC) during November, 2013; Fellowship in Intensive Care Medicine by Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) in September 2022 and Certificate Programme in Hospital Administration and Health Care Management (CPHAHM) in July 2023.

Having held various positions, Dr. Raghunath currently works as the Chief Consultant Intensivist and HoD of Critical Care at Gopal Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital in Mysuru. He is also the Director of Aarya Hospital in city and former President of Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine (ISCCM), Mysuru Chapter. After completing his Critical Care training in Coimbatore, he joined Apollo BGS Hospitals in Mysuru in 2008 before joining Gopal Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital in 2012 where he continues to serve till date. Dr. Raghunath was also instrumental in bringing Critical Care Forum to Mysuru in 2008.

BJP stages Statewide protests against Waqf Board

(Continued from page 1)

"Farmers have cultivated their lands for centuries and the Waqf Board's notices have come as a shock to them. Acting under the Minister's direction, the Waqf Board has been illegally issuing these notices, which must stop. Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan should resign voluntarily, or the Chief Minister should remove him from the cabinet and banish him from the State," Dr. Anil Thomas asserted.

Earlier, hundreds of BJP workers gathered in front of the old Milk Dairy at Siddarthanagar on Bannur Road, protesting while holding placards denouncing the Waqf Board's actions and shouting slogans against the Congress Government.

They later marched to the Deputy Commissioner's Office. The protesters are scheduled to submit a memorandum this afternoon seeking the withdrawal of the Waqf Board notices and the dismissal of Minister Zameer Ahmed.

The Police provided tight security around the Deputy Commissioner's Office. City BJP President L. Nagendra, District President L.R. Mahadevaswamy, State BJP Vice-President M. Rajendra and party office-bearers Renuka, B.M. Raghu and Cable Mahesh took part in the protest.

BJP indulged in politicking: CM

Hubballi, Nov. 4 (DM)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah criticised the Opposition, accusing them of engaging in mere politicking instead of addressing pressing issues. He specifically targeted the BJP, claiming it was playing dirty politics by unnecessarily reviving the Waqf Board issue, which he deemed a non-issue.

Speaking to reporters at Hubballi Airport upon his arrival from Bengaluru this morning, Siddaramaiah, who will be campaigning for the Congress candidate in Shiggaon, asserted that most of the BJP's allegations regarding Waqf Board notices to farmers were false and politically motivated.

Siddaramaiah revealed that the Waqf Board had issued as many as 216 notices to farmers while the BJP was in power, questioning why the party did not oppose it then.

"Now, with bypolls taking place in Shiggaon, Sandur and Channapatna Assembly segments, the BJP has revived this issue solely for political gain. I have instructed officials to completely halt the issuance of notices to farmers and ensure that there are no changes in their land records. Given this situation, I can only conclude that the BJP has resorted to cheap political gimmick," he stated.

Nadavidyalaya Academy hosts 'Nada Nrityopasana-2024'

Nada Nrityopasana-2024, completion of 18th successful year of Nadavidyalaya - Academy of Music & Dance, located in Hebbal, Mysuru, was celebrated on Oct. 19 at Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Rangavedike in Kuvempunagar.

Academy students, in all 30 Senior and Vidwat grade, took part in the programme under the guidance and direction of Guru Vidushi Mithra Naveen.

To begin with, Nadavidyalaya's Vidwat students presented Pushpanjali, a floral invocatory piece of Bharatanatyam repertoire in Gowla raag set to adi taala. It was followed by alaripu in Trishra, Khanda and Mishra jathi, the nritta bandha of Bharatanatyam margam.

Next presentation was Kanjadalayatakshi, a kriti on Goddess Kamakshi, praying to Devi Parvati in the form of Kamakshi; meaning the one who always holds triumph over the evil and the one who fulfils all aspirations.

Scripted by Muttuswami Dikshitar in raaga kamalamanohari set to Adi tala. Shabdam composed by Vazhuvoor Ramaiah Pillai was the next on the list.

Krishna being one of the Vishnu's incarnations of dashavataras, Krishna as the one who mesmerises the Gopikas with his enchanted flute, was shown in their dance by senior students of the institute in raagamalika set to Mishrachapu tala.

It was a special treat to eyes and ears to witness a tana varna through Bharatanatyam where it is only seen in music concerts.

As the lyrics are fewer, it was more meaningful and easier to understand the sahitya through picturisation for a common audience in the next presentation in Mohana raga set to Adi tala written by 'Poochi' Srinivasa Iyengar.

Bhakta expresses longing for divinity and a plea to uphold affection. 'O leader of the entire universe! I am subsisting because of the yearning I have for you... Ninnu kori Yunnanuraa...

Vidwat students performed the stories of Bali Chakravarthy, Gajendra Moksha and Draupadi Vastraapaharana. Choreography of Guru Vidu. Mithra Naveen stood high in picturising the sequences where the audience were in tears of bhakti and bhava.

Students portrayed each story with rasaabhinaya. Composition of Saint Tulasidas — Hanuman Chalisa — was the magnetic piece of the day where rasikas started to hymn Jai bolo Hanuman ki! jai bolo Hanuman ki! And the whole auditorium was attracted and filled with Rama Naama and Hanuman vibrations.

Main attraction of the day was the dance-drama 'Antahpura Geetegalu' by the famous poet Devanahalli Venkataramanaiah Gundappa (DVG) that contains 42 songs on the Shilabalikas, Saalabanjikas and Madanikas in the world-famous temple of Belur Chennakeshava.

Few songs like "Kutila Kuntale", "Nrittonmatte", "Muruja Mode" and "Koravanji" were chosen for the performance that were specially choreographed by Guru Mithra Naveen with the karanas and attractive postures of Natya Shastra through Bharatanatyam that were an eye-captivating series of songs well-presented by Vidwat students being epitome of perfection and elegance.

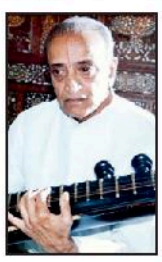
Senior grade students of Nadavidyalaya were full of zeal with complete energy still on gear after a long two-hour concert not losing their enthusiasm, danced with ease to the ultimate piece of Nritta bandha, the last of Bharatanatyam margam, the thillana set to raaga Shivaranjini and adi tala composed by Maharajapuram Santanam.

Accompanying artistes included Direction and Natuvanga by Guru Vidu. Mithra Naveen, euphonious vocal support by Vid. M.S. Naveen, mridanga by Vid. G.S. Nagaraj and flute by Vid. Vivek Krishna. Arpitha Nayak and Shreya Ramesh did the compering.

G.R. Nagaraj, President of Adarsha Seva Sangha, Ravi Shastri, Vice-President of Krishnadhama and V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Joint Director of Kannada & Culture Department, were present on the occasion.

'Vainika Brahma' Award conferred on Vidushi Kasi Visalakshi

Senior Veena Vidushi Kasi Visalakshi was conferred 'Vainika Brahma' Award at 'Vainika Vaibhava' event organised at Sri Nadabramha Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road in city recently to commemorate the 104th birth anniversary of Veena Maestro Padma Bhushan ***Dr. Mysore V. Doreswamy Iyengar. Dr. Doreswamy Iyengar's son Vid. D. Balakrishna, Sabha Vice-President Keerthikumar, Executive Committee Member Keshava Saralaya, music critic Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan and others were present. Picture below shows Vidu. Kasi Visalakshi and Vidu. Padma Ravishankar presenting a Veena Jugalbandi on the occasion. They are accompanied by Vid. Sunil Subramanya on mridanga and Vid. Shamith S. Gowda on ghata.***



Dr. Doreswamy Iyengar

New row erupts in Mandya over Waqf Board claims

Board claims ownership of Chandagalu Government School, Sri Chikkamma Chikkadevi Temple in Mahadevapura

Mandya, Nov. 4 (VNS)- In a continuation of the ongoing dispute involving the Waqf Board in the State, a new controversy has emerged in Mandya.

The Waqf Board has claimed ownership of lands belonging to a Government school in Chandagalu and the Sri Chikkamma Chikkadevi Temple in Mahadevapura, both located in Srirangapatna Taluk.

The Waqf Board's assertion has sparked anger among villagers, who have criticised the district administration and the State Government for allowing this situation to unfold. The residents of Mahadevapura were shocked to discover discrepancies in the Temple's documents.

Controlling Temple land

According to the villagers, the land associated with the Temple has been under their ownership for decades, and the Sri Chikkamma Chikkadevi Temple was constructed with their collective efforts.

However, recent documents indicate a shift, with the Waqf Board now claiming ownership of the Temple and the six-gunta land designated under Survey No. 74.

"The land has been declared Waqf property under the instructions of the Assistant Commissioner," the villagers stated. "Our village does not have a predominant Muslim population, and we have not submitted any requests to officials to designate the Temple and its land as Waqf property."

Villagers have voiced concerns regarding the designation of farmer lands as Waqf Board properties. They are urging authorities to rectify the official documents to restore the land's classification as Temple property and are calling for action against responsible officials.

The community has threatened to organise a protest against the District Administration if the issue is not resolved promptly.

30-gunta school property

In a related development, residents of Chandagalu expressed their dismay over a 30-gunta tract of land, designated under Survey No. 215, belonging to the Government School being classified as Waqf property.

Villagers are demanding the abolition of the Waqf Board, accusing it of attempting to seize various properties for land grabbing purposes.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Agriculture and Mandya District Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy commented that the situation is being politicized unnecessarily. He stated that matters concerning the Waqf Board's claims would be addressed as people submit applications along with the relevant documentation.

Farm lands given to Waqf during BJP, JD(S) rule: CM

B.Y. Vijayendra seeks Gazette notification on withdrawal of notices issued by Waqf Board to farmers

Bengaluru, Nov. 4- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has sharply criticised the Opposition for its outcry regarding the transfer of farmlands to the Waqf Board, asserting that such transfers occurred during the tenures of former Chief Ministers B.S. Yediyurappa, Jagadish Shettar, and H.D. Kumaraswamy.

Siddaramaiah

In a tweet on X (formerly Twitter), Siddaramaiah promised to release documents demonstrating that these land transfers took place under the leadership of these BJP and JD(S) leaders, suggesting that the opposition is engaging in double talk.

He warned that opposition leaders would face consequences for their actions and should be prepared for it.

In response to an invitation from State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra for a public debate on the issue and other administrative matters, Siddaramaiah challenged Vijayendra to first address the concerns raised by rebel BJP leaders like Basanagouda Patil and Ramesh Jarkiholi about his leadership before engaging in a debate.

On State response

Rebutting Siddaramaiah's claims about the withdrawal of notices issued by the Waqf Board to farmers regarding land ownership, Vijayendra questioned why the Government has not issued a Gazette Notification addressing this matter.

In a tweet on X, he expressed concern that the Pahani certificates still designate the lands as belonging to the Waqf Board, implying ongoing confusion under Congress rule.

Vijayendra pointed out the inconsistency in the administration's actions, noting that farmers who have cultivated their lands for decades are now receiving notices.

He stated that the CM's assurances of withdrawal are hard for farmers to believe.

Furthermore, Vijayendra accused Siddaramaiah of evading direct answers to his inquiries regarding the government's failure to address public issues and development concerns.

Highlighting alleged corruption scandals involving MUDA and the Valmiki Development Corporation, Vijayendra insisted that Court rulings in these cases vindicate the BJP's position.

Extermination of Minister Zameer

In Chitradurga, Vijayendra demanded the externment of Waqf and Housing Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan, accusing him of inciting communal disturbances through his "senseless utterances and deeds."

Vijayendra alleged that the Waqf Board, acting under Zameer Ahmed Khan's influence, is involved in a conspiracy to seize agricultural lands by issuing false notices to farmers, claiming these lands as Waqf property.

He condemned Zameer's communal remarks and actions, which he claimed have frequently led to heightened communal tensions. Vijayendra insisted that for the sake of peace in the State, Zameer, a controversial figure, must be removed from his position.

Congress will hand over Temples, Mutts to Waqf Board: BJP MP

CM Siddaramaiah, Minister Zameer authorised unconstitutional Waqf Adalats, says Tejasvi Surya

Bengaluru, Nov. 4 (Agencies)- BJP Yuva Morcha National President and MP Tejasvi Surya has issued a stern warning that Hindu Temples and Mutts may be handed over to the Waqf Board if the public continues to be misled by the Congress party's false promises.

Tejasvi Surya

Speaking to reporters, Surya stated here recently, "If people persist in voting for the Congress party in exchange for freebies and poll guarantees, all our Temples, homes, and Mutts, including revered sites like Dharmasthala and Sringeri Sharada Peetha, could end up with the Waqf Board."

He pointed out that the Waqf Board has already claimed over 50,000 acres of land in Karnataka, raising concerns about the potential transfer of farmers' lands to the Board.

Surya revealed that he has raised this issue with the Chairperson of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) and requested a visit to Hubballi and Bengaluru to gather petitions from farmers. "The chairperson is expected to visit the State on Nov. 6 or 7," he said.

Waqf Adalat on CM's directive

Surya further alleged that Waqf Adalats are being conducted under the directives of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan, questioning the legal basis for these proceedings.

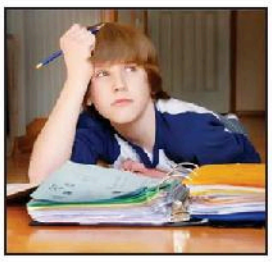
"What law permits the establishment of Waqf Adalats? What is their constitutional standing? The Waqf Adalat is an unconstitutional invention of the Congress party," he declared. He emphasised that the BJP will persist in its protests until the Congress halts these Adalats.

The Central Government has initiated a Joint Parliamentary Committee to amend the Waqf Act and Surya noted that while countries like Egypt and Singapore have banned the Waqf, the BJP does not seek a ban or the confiscation of Waqf lands.

"Our demand is clear. Let the Waqf retain the land that rightfully belongs to it and refrain from claiming our lands," he asserted.

WORD OF THE DAY

Cursory



Pronunciation: KER-suh-ree (Adjective)
Meaning: Something described as cursory has been done or made quickly.
Origin: Let your cursor linger long enough on our pages, and you'll be surprised at how much you can quickly discover. Consider the entry for cursory, for example. If you surmise after a mere cursory glance that there's not much to know about a word with a single sense ("hastily done or made"), you may want to hold your horses. There's so much to find, including a helpful guide to choosing synonyms of cursory, such as shallow and superficial, that also describe things done with a lack of attention or care. There's also an etymology section, where one learns that cursory was borrowed from the Medieval Latin adjective cursōrius, which described things that were swift or related to running, and which in turn comes from the Latin noun cursor, meaning "runner." This fact may prompt you to jog over to the entries of other cursor descendants, such as cursorial ("adapted to or involving running," as in "cursorial insects") and, well, cursor.
Example: "After a few cursory questions ... one of the owners offered me the job on the spot and I said yes without asking about the pay, which caused the other one to laugh and hit the table with his hand and promise to teach me a thing or two about the real world." — Sarah Gilmartin, Service: A Novel, 2024.

THE ODD WORD

Catoptrophobia

Fear of mirrors

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Curiosity Killed the Cat

Meaning: Being too curious may bring about problems for you.
Origin: The origin of idiom "curiosity killed the cat" actually lies with a slightly different idiom, "care killed the cat." The original meaning of word "care" as used in this instance was "sorrow" or "worry," & both of these forms of negative emotions can cause stress that damages body and mind.
Example: "Hey, I wonder what's down that street; it looks awfully dark and creepy." Answer: "Let's not try to find out. Curiosity killed the cat."

QUOTE BOX

It takes an endless amount of history to make even a little tradition.

—Henry James

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Anniversaryyy

Answer: Wise After The Event.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 A bird that hoots
4 Insecticide, in short
7 The leg from the knee to foot
11 Arctic explorer John
12 Inlet for "air" change!
13 Listen to, poetically speaking
14 Tuition
17 Inter ____ : among other things, in Latin
18 Breeds; begets
20 More cunning
22 Hoar-frost
23 Fasten or bind; neckwear?
24 British Army canteen/shop
27 Demises, ends or terminations?
31 Ex-India skipper ___ Ahmed
33 Abnormal person or thing; a monstrosity
34 Above ground level
35 Author __ Blyton
37 Mexican dollars
39 The former East Pakistan
42 One of the United States
43 Buoyant
46 Online journal
47 Old Mideast ints.
48 Before marriage
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50 Debussy heroine
51 ___ away : escaped?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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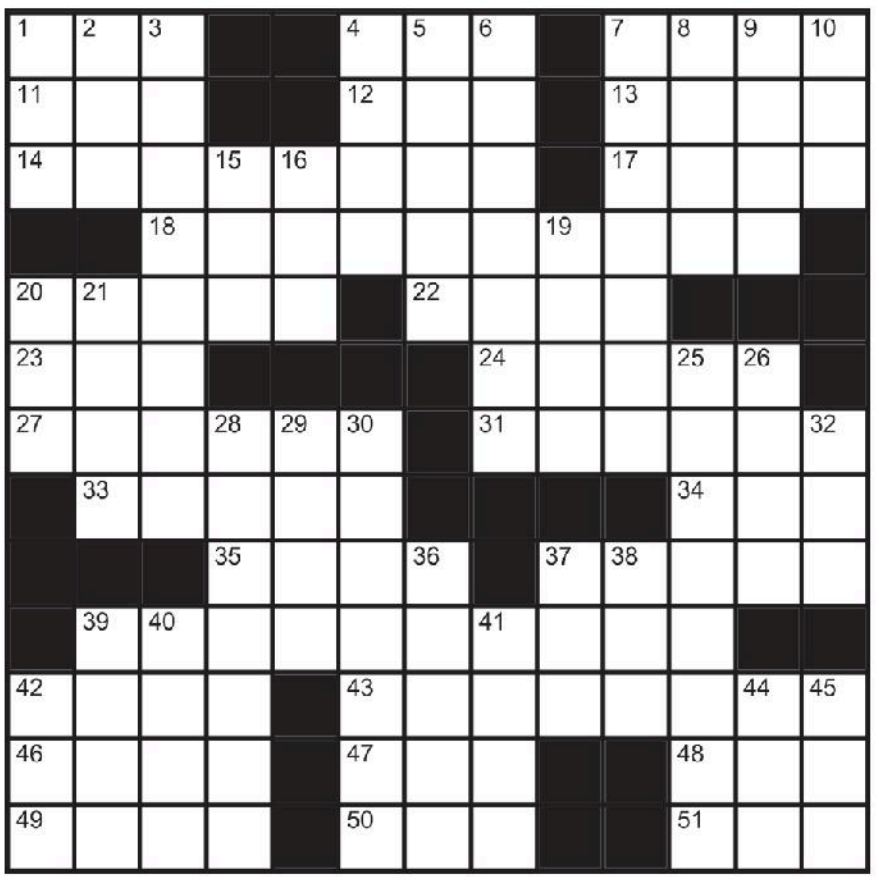
1 Table scrap
2 Armed conflict
3 It has 366 days (4,4)
4 Leak from a tap
5 Monetary unit of Kuwait
6 Labelling
7 The French mansion
8 Breathing sound
9 Mila 18 author Leon ___
10 Jamaican dance music
15 Another word for 'anger'
16 And not either ?
19 Oriental nanny - "a ham" changed?
20 Subscriber Trunk Dialling, abbr.
21 Willingly or gladly (archaic)
25 Glittering or scintillating
26 "Othello" villain
28 Adolescence
29 ___ around : loiter about, don't go away?
30 Competent; dexterous
32 Microwave Landing Sys.
36 ___ Lama is spiritual leader of Tibet?
37 Pod vegetable
38 Superlative suffix
39 Cotton pod
40 Absent without leave
41 "Road" anagram for a girl's name?
42 Big Blue
44 "New", as a prefix
45 __ away: escape?



SUDOKU

		8	5			9		
		4					3	2
	5			9	6			
9	3		4					
				6				
					5		7	1
			3	2			5	
3	2					6		
		7			9	8		

Answer to previous puzzle

5	7	3	1	9	6	2	8	4
9	1	8	2	3	4	6	7	5
6	2	4	5	8	7	3	1	9
8	6	9	4	2	5	7	3	1
4	5	1	6	7	3	8	9	2
2	3	7	9	1	8	5	4	6
7	4	2	3	6	9	1	5	8
3	9	6	8	5	1	4	2	7
1	8	5	7	4	2	9	6	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

AZYIY JIY LB ZBVYHYTT TWAXJAWBLT -- BLHC

VYBVHY QZB JIY ZBVYHYTT JFBXA AZYE.

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The sun, reflecting upon the mud of strands and shores, is unpolluted in his beam.

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Lucky Baskhar (Ma)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
Venom: The Last Dance (E-3D)	(S-1)	1.30 pm; (S-2) 10.55 am
Bloody Beggar (Ta)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Brother (Ta)	(S-2)	4.20 pm
Bagheera (K)	(S-2)	7.05 pm
	(S-4)	10 am, 1.05 pm, 4.10 pm
		7.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Ka (Te)	(S-2)	10.10 pm
Amaran (Ta)	(S-3)	10.05 am, 1.15 pm, 7 pm, 10.15 pm
Anna (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm

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Amaran (K)	:	12.35 pm
Amaran (Ta)	:	6.35 pm, 9.30 pm
Venom: The last dance (E-3D)	:	1.10 pm
Bagheera (K)	:	1.15 pm, 3.20 pm
		4.40 pm, 6.25 pm, 9.30 pm
Bloody Beggar (Ta)	:	1.30 pm
Brother (Ta)	:	3.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Yalakunni (K)	:	4.15 pm
Lucky Baskhar (Te)	:	6.55 pm, 9.45 pm

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Bagheera (K)	:	8.30 am, 9.10 am, 11.50 am
		12.30 pm, 3.50 pm, 6.30 pm
		7.10 pm, 9.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)	:	9.05 am, 3.40 pm, 6.35 pm, 10.15 pm
Lucky Baskhar (Te)	:	9.15 am, 12.30 pm, 7.05 pm
Amaran (K)	:	9.30 am
Amaran (Ta)	:	3.55 pm, 10 pm
Singham Again (H-2D)	:	9.50 am, 1 pm, 4.10 pm, 7.20 pm
		10 pm, 10.30 pm
Ka (2024) (Te)	:	12.25 pm
Bloody Beggar (Ta)	:	1 pm
Brother (Ta)	:	3.35 pm
Venom: Last Dance (E-3D)	:	7.25 pm

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Lucky Baskhar (Te)	:	8.50 am, 7 pm
Bagheera (K)	:	9 am, 12.20 pm, 12.25 pm
		3.40 pm, 7 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)	:	9 am, 3.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Singham Again (H)	:	9.50 am, 1 pm, 4.10 pm
		7.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Amaran (Ta)	:	12 noon, 10.10 pm
Amaran (K)	:	3.30 pm

Lalithadri Nritya Kala Kendra students perform atop Ch.Hill

The students of Vidushi Usha Achuthan of Lalithadri Nritya Kala Kendra, Mysuru — R. Samanvitha, R. Samudyatha, R. Bhuvana and Impana V. Gargeya — performed Bharatanatyam at Sri Chamundeshwari Temple premises atop Chamundi Hill, Mysuru, on the day of Vijayadashami (Oct. 12). Earlier, the same team had performed at Sri Srikanteshwara Temple premises in Nanjangud on Oct. 6 as part of Dasara Cultural Programme organised by the Dasara Cultural Sub-Committee.

EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 4)

- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Exhibition Grounds, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **K. Puttaswamy First Grade College (FGC), Gokulam 3rd Stage:** 69th Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations, Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS) Hon. President Gundappa Gowda presides, St. Philomena's College retd. Professor C.V. Sridharamurthy chief guest, VVS Hon. Secretary P. Vishwanath, VVS Hon. Treasurer Shrishaila Ramannavar and K. Puttaswamy FGC Principal Dr. M. Shivalingegowda special invitees, Computer Lab, College premises, **3.30 pm.**
- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Dolls Show by K.S. Raghavendra, a 75-year-old artist from city, 'Inchara Kalakshetra,' 149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagara 2nd Stage, Vijayanagar, Mysuru, **4 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Gemini Circus:** Shows at Horse Park, near Karanji Lake, **4 pm and 7 pm.**
- **Elder Citizens Council, Jayalakshmipuram:** Health Talk on 'Healthy life of senior citizens' by eminent senior physician by Dr. M.S. Prasanna Kumar, Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavana, Council premises, **5 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 5)

- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Dolls Show by K.S. Raghavendra, a 75-year-old artist from city, 'Inchara Kalakshetra,' 149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagara 2nd Stage, Vijayanagar, **10 am to 1 pm and 4 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Exhibition Grounds, **2.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**

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Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)	:	8.55 am, 12 noon, 6.45 pm
Bagheera (K)	:	9 am, 12.20 pm, 3.25 pm
		3.40 pm, 7 pm, 9.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Singham Again (H)	:	9.10 am, 12.20 pm, 3.30 pm
		6.40 pm, 10.20 pm
Brother (Ta)	:	10.10 pm

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Amaran (Ta)	:	9 am, 6.40 pm
Singham Again (H)	:	9 am, 12.35 pm, 3.30 pm
		7.10 pm, 10 pm
Bagheera (K)	:	9.10 am, 12.10 pm
		12.30 pm, 3.50 pm
		6.40 pm, 7.10 pm, 10:30 pm
Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)	:	9.10 am, 3.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Brother (Ta)	:	12.30 pm
Lucky Baskhar (Te)	:	3.30 pm, 10.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Prize-winners of Inter-College Tournaments

Mysuru, Nov. 4- The students of St. Joseph's First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram, have emerged victorious in various competitions held as part of the Mysore City Inter-Collegiate Tournaments organised by Teresian College, Siddarthanagar, Mysuru, under the aegis of Department of Physical Education, University of Mysore (UoM).

The details of medal winners are as follows:

- **Karate (Kumite):** K. Chethan Gowda (- 67 kgs) - 2nd place and M.S. Pavan (- 50 kgs) - 2nd place.
- **Karate (Kata):** K. Chethan Gowda - 2nd place and N.L. Durgabhavani - 3rd place.
- **Kickboxing (LK):** N.L. Durgabhavani (-60 kgs) - 1st place.
- **Kickboxing (PF):** M.S. Pavan (-52 kgs) - 2nd place and K. Chethan Gowda (-60 kgs) - 2nd place.
- **Kickboxing (KL):** K. Vinay (-55 kgs) - 1st place and A. Nithin (-84 kgs) - 2nd place.
- **Boxing:** M.S. Prajwal (-54 kgs) - 1st place, according to a press release.

Tree plantation programme held

Mysuru, Nov. 4- A tree plantation programme to control air pollution and make India Green was carried out by Janseva Co-operative Credit Society Ltd., Mysuru Branch, on Oct. 30.

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